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### Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2010 summer storage onion production increased 5 percent from 2009. Production is estimated at 6.84 million cwt, up from the 6.51 million cwt produced in 2009. Harvested and planted acreage increased 200 acres from last year to 9,000 acres, and 9,200 acres, respectively. Onion yield is up 20 cwt from 2009 to 760 cwt per acre. The value of the 2010 crop totaled \$56.0 million, down from \$80.9 million in 2009. The price per cwt for the 2009 crop is \$9.80, down from \$13.80 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2010 totaled 1.13 million cwt, up from 651,000 cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2010 summer storage onion production increased 6 percent from 2009. Production is estimated at 15.2 million cwt, down from the 14.4 million cwt produced in 2009. Harvested acreage increased 300 acres from 2009 to 20,300 acres, while onion yield increased 31 cwt to 749 cwt per acre. The value of the 2010 crop totaled \$133 million, down from \$180 million in 2009.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 3 percent from 2009 to 55.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down from 106,160 acres in 2009 to 105,070 acres in 2010. The U.S. average summer storage yield is down 10 cwt per acre from 2009 to 531 cwt per acre. The 2010 summer storage crop is valued at \$923 million dollars, compared to \$705 million in 2009. Shrinkage and loss for the 2010 crop totaled 5.72 million cwt, up from 5.17 million cwt last year.

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